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1. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH RATH SEPTEMBER 22 DEVELOPED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT ADDS TO LIKELIHOOD THAT LETTER ALLEGEDLY SENT BY ALLEN DULLES TO STRAUSS IS FORGERY. DECISION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PROPOSAL TO BUY F-104G WAS TAKEN BY DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF BUNDESTAG ON NOVEMBER 6, 1958 (AS REPORTED BY PRO-CSU NEWSPAPER BILD AM SONNTAG ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1976). THAT THIS DECISION WAS IMMINENT MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN KNOWN ON NOVEMBER 5, THE DATE ON THE LETTER, BUT SUCH KNOWLEDGE WOULD NOT AMOUNT TO A "CONTRACT" BEING "SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED" AS STATED IN THE LETTER. THE ACTUAL CONTRACT WAS NOT SIGNED UNTIL MARCH 18, 1959. LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE F-104G WAS SIGNED ON JANUARY 23, 1959.

2. APPROVAL BY BUNDESTAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE WAS ONLY ONE STEP. THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT CONCLUDE THE CONTRACT UNTIL BUNDESTAG BUDGET COMMITTEE ALSO HAD APPROVED THE PROCUREMENT. THIS OCCURRED ON MARCH 18, 1959, THE SAME DAY THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED.

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